

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 12 and 13, and amend claims 1, 16, 18-24, 29 and 30 as follows:

a² 1. (Amended) A golf ball having a cover and a core centrally disposed within said cover, said cover including a combination of a first component and a second component, wherein

said first component comprises a phthalic acid polyamide formed from reacting an agent including at least one of phthalic acid, isophthalic acid, and terephthalic acid; and

said second component comprises an ionomer.

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a³ 16. (Amended) The golf ball according to claim 1, wherein said first component is a polyphthalamide and said second component is an ionomeric terpolymer.

18. (Amended) A golf ball comprising:
a core; and
a cover layer disposed about said core, said cover layer including a phthalic acid polyamide and an olefin/alkyl (meth)acrylate/carboxylic acid terpolymer.

a⁴ cont 19. (Amended) The golf ball of claim 18 wherein said phthalic acid polyamide is formed from at least one of phthalic acid, isophthalic acid, and terephthalic acid.

20. (Amended) The golf ball of claim 18 wherein said phthalic acid polyamide exhibits a melting point of about 590°F.

21. (Amended) The golf ball of claim 18 wherein said phthalic acid polyamide has a specific gravity of about 1.15.

22. (Amended) The golf ball of claim 18 wherein said cover layer includes from about 10% to about 60% of said phthalic acid polyamide based upon the weight of said cover layer.

23. (Amended) The golf ball of claim 22 wherein said cover layer includes from about 15% to about 50% of said phthalic acid polyamide based upon the weight of said cover layer.

24. (Amended) The golf ball of claim 23 wherein said cover layer includes from about 20% to about 40% of said phthalic acid polyamide based upon the weight of said cover layer.

29. (Amended) A solid golf ball comprising:

a core;

a mantle layer disposed about said core; and

a cover layer disposed on said mantle;

wherein said mantle layer comprises a phthalic acid polyamide.

30. (Amended) The golf ball of claim 29 wherein said mantle layer comprises polyphthalamide, an ionomer and an acrylate.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present pending application is respectfully requested. Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled and claims 1, 16, 18-24, 29 and 30 have been amended. Claims 1-11 and 14-31 remain pending in this application. For at least the reasons set forth below, the presently pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.